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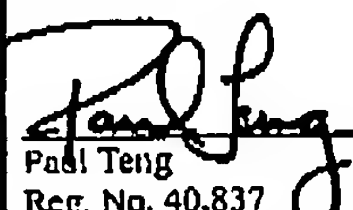
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 2.

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